taken up, that the desirability of opening up the Enkakad road will be considered before this allotment is spent. But, in any case, we are going to improve the Machad road. I do not know whether the Member knows the locality.

President.—Is it your point that you object to the practice of diversion?

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Not only that, Sir, the Machad road has been provided for in the budget.

President.—We are not in the region of discussion at present. If you want any information about a fact, please put a question, and the answer will be furnished. As to whether the policy is right or wrong, we are not to consider it at this stage.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—The Machad road having been provided for in the budget, a portion of that allotment for that road is proposed to be diverted for another road which is not provided for in the budget. I want to ask the reason for it.

President.—There must be some reason for the Government giving up the Machad work and taking up the Enkakad road.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—At the time when the budget was discussed it was brought to the notice of the House that it was desirable to link up Enkakad with Vadakkancheri, and I then promised, I suppose, that before I spent the money I would examine the position.

President.—So that, the position is this. No doubt, at the time of the budget we thought we might take up this work, and we provided Rs. 5,000; but subsequent investigations brought to light a more urgent work, namely, the Enkakad road. This amount is being utilised for that purpose, as it is a more urgent affair. Very probably the other work also will be taken in hand, but there is no urgency about it.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—And the provision is for Machad, *etc.*, roads.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Opening a road from 12/2 of Shoranur road to Machad. That is precisely the allotment referred to in the question. It does not in any way include the Enkakad road at all. May I know whether the estimates have been calculated for the Machad road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No. Fairly completed. Under preparation.

Perumannans in the State.

219. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

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(a) what is the population of Perumannans in the State;

(b) how many boys and girls belonging to this class are studying in the (1) Primary (2) Lower Secondary and (3) Upper Secondary classes in the State;

(c) how many from this caste are now employed in the Government service;

(d) whether the Government have received any application for appointment in Government service from any one belonging to this caste in the last 12 months; and if so,

(e) how many applied; and

(f) how many of them were selected for appointments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) There is no classification as "Perumannans" in the Census Report. If the term however denotes "Velans", the Member is referred to the last Census Report, a copy of which is placed on the Council Table.

(b) The information required has been called for.

(c) None so far as could be ascertained.

(d) Yes.

(e) Two from the information available.

(f) None.

Improvement of the road leading from the Edakunni road at Tiruvillakavu.

220. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received petitions from the inhabitants of Vallachira for improving, etc., of the road leading from the Edakunni road at Tiruvillakavu;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, how many petitions they have received and what actions they have taken or propose to take upon them?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Eight petitions. The request is under the consideration of the Government.

Article in the Prabhatham about the Police.

221. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to a note under the heading "പൊല്ലീസ്സിൻ്റെ അഴിമതി" on the 14th page of the Prabhatham (Palghat) (Vernacular) paper of 25th November 1929; if so, what action have tney taken?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes; on enquiry the allegations were found to be false.

Arappu Thodu.

222. മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—അറപ്പുതോട് പണിയെ

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